

REMARKS

Claim 7 has been rejected in view of US 10/780336 (now US 7,077,230; issued July 18, 2006) and claims 3-4 and 8-10 have been rejected in view of US 11/272923. All of the above mentioned claims have been rejected as being unpatentable on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Both US 7,077,230 and US 11/272923 are commonly owned by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Further, the present application is owned by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Enclosed herewithin are two completed Terminal Disclaimers (PTO/SB/26 and PTO/SB/25) for the respective cited references. Accordingly, removal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HRA-14911.

Respectfully submitted,

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